

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held May 31, 2005

Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Steve Frias, Cindy Wilson-Frias, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault, Douglas Hartley and Luly Massaro.

Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission.

Minutes of Open Meetings held May 26, 2005: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3678 - Narragansett Electric Co. – After review, Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve Narragansett’s tariff advice filing to amend RIPUC No. 1154 Terms & Conditions for Distribution Service and to add RIPUC No. 1193 Off Cycle Meter Read for Switch of Supplier for effect June 15, 2005. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3679 - Narragansett Electric Co. – After review, Commissioner Holbrook moved to approve Narragansett’s tariff advice filing to amend RIPUC No. 1124 Terms and Conditions for Nonregulated Power Producers to permit electronic exchange between Company and Suppliers in order for supplier to obtain historical usage information using Electronic Data Interchange transaction process. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.** With respect to the second aspect to the tariff advice, Commissioner Holbrook moved to suspend the Provision of Customer Lists to Suppliers to allow the Division additional time to review. The motion was seconded by Chairman Germani and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3680 - Narragansett Electric Co. – After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve Narragansett’s proposed 2005 Summer Load Curtailment Program as filed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

3655 – Block Island Power Company – Ms. Wilson-Frias informed that no discussion is needed since the parties accepted the Commission’s modification to the Stipulation and Settlement.

3548 – New England Gas Company (NEGas) – After review of the several outstanding issues in the Company’s interim Distribution Adjustment Clause (DAC), Chairman Germani made a motion to approved the following:

- To adopt the Division’s position to exclude Contributions in Aid of Construction of \$759,000 from rate base.

- To accept NERGas' position to not exclude prepayment of the PUC assessment of \$133,000 from rate base.
- To eliminate from Earning Sharing Mechanism (ESM) 75% instead of 50% of the earnings incentive related only to fiscal year 2004, which is approximately \$206,547.
- To eliminate from the ESM, the management's safety/customer service bonus, which is approximately \$59,926.
- That any adjustment amount in the DAC be carried over to the next DAC filing. Also, NERGas is directed to file a schedule indicating the exact amount to be carried over within 30 days.
- That the Environmental Response Cost (ERC) reports should be filed for the periods ending 12/31 and 6/30. The ERC reports are due 45 days after the end of the reporting period.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 11:22 A.M.